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# 50-State Comparison: Advanced Placement Policies

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## Key Takeaways

- Students need access to high-quality and challenging curricula.
- AP provides a common syllabus and teacher training that meet recognized quality criteria.
- Families benefit if students can earn college credit while still in high school.

## 50-State Comparisons

1. **AP (all data points for all states)**
2. **All high schools/districts required to offer AP**
3. **State financial support for AP course offerings/AP success**

4. AP participation/success included in high school accountability metrics/reporting
5. State programs and funding for teacher training
6. Subsidies for testing fees
7. State scholarship criteria include AP scores
8. Collaboration on AP between K-12 and higher education systems
9. State support for encouraging access to AP
10. State postsecondary institutions must award credit for minimum scores
11. Student must take AP exam to receive course credit
12. Unique characteristics

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